



BEEF – IT'S WHAT'S FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES! CHAMBER SERVING DINNER TO SCHOOL BOARD

# Chamber Connection

November 2017

THINGS TO KNOW

## MO Beef for MO Kids

Lawrence County is on the radar at the state level and it's a good sign of things to come. Being the lead producer in the state for cow-calf pairs has its perks.

The Mt. Vernon School Board voted to approve a move by the Missouri Beef Industry Council, Missouri Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the Southwest Missouri Cattlemen's Assoc. to get beef on the menu more often in our school district. Starting in mid-October some lunches will include locally sourced beef donated by the fine farmers of Lawrence County. This pilot project is receiving a lot of attention as other districts anxiously wait to see the results.

Interestingly, this has been in the works for some time and there are a lot of hoops to jump through. Opa Foods, Inc. plans and approves school lunch menus so they have been heavily involved. And we aren't just talking ground beef here folks, the

menus include different cuts of beef for options like Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich, Fajitas and French Dip. I'm thinking I need to get a lunch date planned to visit on one of the beef days.

The grand kick-off of the plan introduced some local dignitaries and the School Board Members to the culinary skills of the chef who will put this all together. The Chamber Board and yours truly were the servers featuring local, seasonal produce and served Farm to Fork style. It was a fun and educational night. It's not often enough that you see Lawrence County in the spotlight for agriculture so we really want to put our best foot forward. Proud to be your **Chamber Connection**.

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## Congratulations!



On September 16, 2017, **Scott George, BC-HIS**, was honored during the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual IHS Convention and Expo by receiving the International Hearing Society's **All-Star Award**. Chamber Champion **Mid-America Hearing Center** was established in 1988 to serve the Southwest Missouri hearing-impaired community to improve the quality of life for residents. We extend congratulations to Scott George on reaching this milestone and receiving recognition for longevity in the hearing health care field.

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## New Members

We would like to welcome several new members to the Chamber this month. **Timberlakes Hardwood Pellet Company** – Memory Healthcare



Technologies, LLC joined our ranks as a **Presidential Investor**. Dr. Phil Yang is bringing international business to the Mt. Vernon Industrial Park and will produce large inventory bagged pellets used for both heating and cooking.



Next up is Emily Fish, owner of **FishXpressions Photography** offering quality photography at a price you can afford. Call Emily today to set your appointment, 417-612-5642 or [fishxpressions@gmail.com](mailto:fishxpressions@gmail.com).

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### Increased Level Member

**Moments by Mandie Photography** has a storefront! We would like to congratulate Mandie Dawson on this big move. Located at **108 W Mt. Vernon Blvd.** you can reach Mandie at **417-316-0497**. In growing the business, Moments by Mandie has increased their annual membership dues level to the **Community Investor** status. We are happy to support all business in our community but especially our members. We promise to support our tiered levels and promote homegrown business as they grow with us.

Also, **Subway** has joined us! With the spot we have all known for years and a new **Fresh Forward** design location inside the TA Truckstop open 24 hours, they are guaranteed to tempt your taste buds with new menu items and familiar favorites all hours of the day and night. Call 466-4424 to place your order or stop in 216 E Mt. Vernon Blvd or 1080 E Mt. Vernon Blvd. inside the TA. Large room available for meetings. Mmmm good! And just joining today,



the new owner, Michelle Dorrell, of **Michelle's Dog Gone Grooming Salon** is open and ready to pamper your pooch. Located at a familiar location **104 W Mt. Vernon Blvd**, Michelle has a fresh coat of paint on the walls and over 30 years of experience around the world, call today for an appointment, **417-461-5800** or [michellesdgggsalon@gmail.com](mailto:michellesdgggsalon@gmail.com). And visit awhile, you will love her story.

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### WIN OUR RAFFLE GUN

The Chamber is proud to announce the firearm chosen for the 2017/2018 Annual Gun Raffle. This **fully engraved Ruger 357 caliber SP101** is a beauty. We now have tickets available and you will get a chance to see this firearm as it visits local Chamber member locations. Check with the Chamber office any time to find the current location to get a look at it. Tickets will be **\$5 each or 3 for \$10**. We will only sell a limited number to improve your chances of winning. This annual fundraiser helps support our activities like Eggs & Issues. Get tickets now!

## Calendar of Events

**Moonlight Madness**, stores open late, **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**, all over Mt. Vernon, including Miss Maddy's and Mt. Vernon Greenhouse, stay tuned as more stores are added.

**Veteran's Day on Veterans Way**, lunch **Nov 11** on the Square.

**Chamber Board Meeting**, noon, **Thurs, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**, CoC Office.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountaineer Turkey Strut**, 8:30 a.m. **Thurs Nov 23**

**Village of Lights Parade and Annual Lighting of the Courthouse**, 4:45 pm lineup, **Tues. November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

**Village of Lights – Home Tours**, noon to 4, **Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, tickets will be available the week before at the Chamber office. This fundraiser helps purchase Christmas lights for the courthouse.

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